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1. AMBASSADOR IS REQUESTED TO APPROACH GOR AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL AND MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS:

2. USG IS CONCERNED TO NOTE THAT GOR HAS ANNOUNCED ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ANGOLA (MPLA) AT THE AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL. IN VIEW OF OUR CURRENT EFFORTS TO PREVENT SOVIET-BACKED MPLA FROM TAKING OVER ANGOLA AND OAU PLANS FOR SEEKING AFRICAN SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM FREE FROM OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE BY FOREIGN PARTIES, WE WOULD HOPE THAT THE GOR DOES NOT TAKE HASTY ACTION TO ESTABLISH A DIPLOMATIC PRESENCE IN ANGOLA AT THIS TIME. SUCH A MOVE COULD BE VIEWED AS OPEN SUPPORT FOR THE SOVIET

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UNION AND CUBAN EFFORTS TO IMPOSE THE RULE OF A MINORITY

FACTION (THE MPLA) CONTROLLING NO MORE THAN 30 PERCENT OF ANGOLA'S TERRITORY AND POPULATION AND AS UNEHELPFUL ACTION UNDERCUTTING EFFORTS OF OAU TO DEVISE A SETTLEMENT AMONG CONTENDING PARTIES.

3. LATEST OUTLINE OF USG POSITION REGARDING ANGOLAN

SITUATION CONTAINED IN WIRELESS FILE ACCOUNT AT SECRETARY'S DECEMBER 23 PRESS CONFERENCE MAY BE DRAWN ON AS APPROPRIATE IN OUTLINING TO GOR OUR VIEWS AND CURRENT POLICY.

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